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| In re Application of: Benjamin J. Parker et al |) | Group Art Unit 2171 |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 A High protection level is provided by firewall unit 47 in pathway 36. The High level includes all blocking of the Medium level plus the blockage of all incoming traffic that was not initiated by a request from the user.

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